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PLDGING CONFERENCE IN GENEVA, AUGUST 2

1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE STATEMENT DELIVERED BY RICHARD MCCALL, HEAD OF THE U.S. DELEGATION TO THE U.N. RWANDA PLEDGING CONFERENCE, ON AUGUST 2, 1994 IN GENEVA. THE MEETING WAS HOSTED BY THE U.N. DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS. REPORTING CABLE ON CONFERENCE WILL BE SENT SEPTEL.

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ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION TO THE UN DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS FOR CONVENING THIS MEETING. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO EXPRESS THE APPRECIATION OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE TIRELESS EFFORT OF THE UN AND THE ENTIRE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IN MOBILIZING RESOURCES TO ASSIST THE VICTIMS OF THE RWANDA TRAGEDY. AS PRESIDENT CLINTON SAID ON FRIDAY WHEN HE ANNOUNCED THE LATEST STEPS IN OUR EFFORTS TO RELIEVE THE SUFFERING: "THIS RELIEF EFFORT IS THE MOST DIFFICULT AND COMPLEX THE WORLD HAS FACED IN DECADES. I WANT TO COMMEND ALL THOSE IN THE FIELD WHO ARE FACING THE FRUSTRATIONS AND THE HEROIC CHALLENGES." THAT COMMENDATION GOES DIRECTLY TO YOU WHO ARE SITTING BEFORE US TODAY AND TO THE DEDICATED PROFESSIONALS OF YOUR ORGANIZATIONS, AS WELL AS TO THE SELFLESS VOLUNTEERS OF THE PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS AND DONOR GOVERNMENTS WHO HAVE ASSISTED IN THE EFFORT.

WE ARE HERE TODAY TO INDICATE OUR RESPONSES TO THE CONSOLIDATED APPEAL WHICH SECRETARY-GENERAL BOUTROS GHALI LAUNCHED IN NEW YORK JUST ELEVEN DAYS AGO. THE FIRST STEP OF AN ORGANIZED RESPONSE TO EMERGENCIES IS AN ASSESSMENT FOLLOWED BY A CONSOLIDATED APPEAL BASED ON

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THAT ASSESSMENT. THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS AND THE AGENCIES PARTICIPATING IN THE PREPARATION OF THE APPEAL DESERVE RECOGNITION FOR HAVING PREPARED THE APPEAL AS QUICKLY AS THEY DID. IT PROVIDES THE DONOR COMMUNITY WITH A SOLID BASIS TO MOUNT ITS RESPONSE.

THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE UN
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AGENCIES TO PROVIDE RAPID ASSISTANCE TO THOSE IN NEED.
UNHCR DESERVES TREMENDOUS GRATITUDE FOR THE ORGANIZATION IT HAS ESTABLISHED AND IS OPERATING IN ZAIRE. AS SOON AS THE PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL COORDINATOR FOR THE CRISIS, USAID ADMINISTRATOR BRIAN ATWOOD, RETURNED FROM THE REGION, THE UNITED STATES MOVED RAPIDLY TO IMPLEMENT FOUR OF THE EIGHT SERVICE PACKAGES REQUESTED BY UNHCR TO RESPOND TO THE INFUX OF REFUGEES TO ZAIRE. THESE INCLUDE PROVIDING CLEAN WATER FOR THE REFUGEES, MANAGEMENT OF THE AIRHEAD AT ENTEBBE, PROVIDING SERVICES AT AIRPORTS IN THE REGION, AND LOGISTICS SERVICES TO MOVE THE RELIEF SUPPLIES ONCE THEY ARRIVE IN GOMA.

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THUS FAR, THE U.S. HAS COMMITTED USD 250 MILLION TO MEET URGENT HUMANITARIAN NEEDS ASSOCIATED WITH THE RWANDA CRISIS IN 1994. IN ADDITION, THE PRESIDENT HAS ASKED CONGRESS FOR SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS OF USD 320 MILLION. MUCH OF THIS WILL BE USED TO CONTINUE MANAGING THE FOUR SERVICE PACKAGES ON BEHALF OF UNHCR. WE ARE CONTRIBUTING SUBSTANTIAL SUMS DIRECTLY TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES, THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAM, THE

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INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS, THE
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT
SOCIETIES, THE UN RWANDA EMERGENCY OFFICE AND PRIVATE
VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS. OUR EFFORT IS ONLY PART OF THE
OVERWHELMING GENEROUS RESPONSE WHICH OTHER DONORS HAVE
ALSO SUPPORTED. THE GOVERNMENTS OF ZAIRE, TANZANIA,
UGANDA AND BURUNDI ARE OWEDED A DEBT OF GRATITUDE FOR
HAVING OPENED THEIR BORDERS TO THE DESPERATE REFUGEES
FLEEING RWANDA.

THE IMMEDIATE RELIEF PRIORITY HAS BEEN TO STOP THE
CHOLERA EPIDEMIC AND CONTAIN OTHER DISEASES IN THE
REFUGEE CAMPS. WHEN RELIEF WORKERS FIRST ARRIVED AT
GOMA THEY DISCOVERED THERE WASN'T ANY POTABLE WATER AND
THE AIRPORT COULD HANDLE ONLY ABOUT TEN FLIGHTS A DAY.
TO DEAL WITH THESE AND OTHER PROBLEMS, APPROXIMATELY
1500 U.S. SOLDIERS HAVE ALREADY BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE
REGION TO PROVIDE LOGISTICS SUPPORT. WORKING IN CLOSE
COOPERATION WITH UNHCR AND OTHER AGENCIES AND DONORS, WE
ARE NOW UP TO WELL OVER 20 FLIGHTS PER DAY AT GOMA AND
THE WATER PURIFICATION CAPACITY NOW EXCEEDS 1 MILLION
LITERS PER DAY. WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE GERMAN
GOVERNMENT, WE HAVE ALSO CONSTRUCTED A 5-KILOMETER
PIPELINE TO CARRY WATER TO WHERE IT IS NEEDED. TANKER
TRUCKS HAVE ARRIVED FROM FINLAND. WE ARE ALSO ASSESSING
THE SITUATION IN BUKAVU TO SEE WHAT CAN BE DONE TO
INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF THE AIRPORT THERE. IN
ADDITION, WE HAVE JOINED THE EFFORT WITH OTHERS AND WITH
THE GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA TO OPEN THE AIRPORT AT KIGALI
IN ORDER TO EASE THE BOTTLENECK THROUGH WHICH SUPPLIES
MUST PASS TO EASE THIS CRISIS.

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SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WILLIAM PERRY VISITED KIGALI AND
THE REFUGEE CAMPS AROUND GOMA THIS PAST WEEKEND.
TROOPS HAVE MADE THE AIRPORT AT KIGALI OPERATIONAL ON A
24-HOUR-A-DAY BASIS TO BRING THE SUPPORT OPERATIONS
CLOSER TO THE CAMPS AND INTO RWANDA. RELIEF AIRCRAFT
BEGAN ARRIVING IN KIGALI ON SUNDAY. UPON RETURNING TO
WASHINGTON YESTERDAY, SECRETARY PERRY REPORTED THAT,
THANKS TO THE COLLECTIVE RELIEF EFFORTS, THE CORNER HAS
BEEN TURNED, BUT MUCH WORK REMAINS TO BE DONE.

NOW WE MUST BEGIN TO LOOK TOWARD A RESOLUTION OF THE

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CRISIS. THE ANSWER IS FOR REFUGEES TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES. IN ORDER FOR THEM TO DO THIS, THEY MUST FEEL THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO RETURN TO A LIVEABLE AND SECURE SOCIETY. WE URGE THE NEW GOVERNMENT TO ENSURE

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THE SAFETY OF REFUGEES AND TO CREATE THE CONDITIONS
UNDER WHICH REFUGEES FEEL CONFIDENT TO RETURN. THE
OPENING OF THE AIRPORT IN KIGALI AND THE KNOWLEDGE THAT
FOOD AND WATER WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THEM INSIDE RWANDA
SHOULD HELP. IN ADDITION, A RAPID DEPLOYMENT OF UNAMIR
FORCES IS CRITICAL TO THE CONFIDENCE BUILDING THAT IS
REQUIRED TO ENCOURAGE REFUGEES TO RETURN.

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TO A LARGE EXTENT THE HUMANITARIAN CATASTROPHE WE ARE
DEALING WITH ORIGINATED IN MASSIVE VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN
RIGHTS. REVERSAL OF THE MASS EXODUS AND THE RETURN OF
PEOPLE TO THEIR HOMES WILL REQUIRE CONDITIONS INSIDE
RWANDA IN WHICH PEOPLE DO NOT FEAR FOR THEIR SAFETY. TO
THIS END, ASSIGNMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORS IS A
CRITICAL STEP. THIS HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED BY THE UN HUMAN
RIGHTS COMMISSION, AND DESERVES ENHANCED SUPPORT FROM
GOVERNMENTS IF IT IS TO BE TRULY EFFECTIVE.

THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR HAS
DETERMINED THAT GENOCIDE HAS OCCURRED IN RWANDA. IN
ORDER FOR THERE TO BE A JUST PEACE, THOSE WHO HAVE
PERPETRATED GENOCIDE AND OTHER GRAVE BREACHES OF
INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW WITHIN RWANDA CANNOT GO
UNPUNISHED. WITHOUT A SYSTEM OF JUSTICE TO PUNISH THOSE
WHO ARE GUILTY OF ATROCITIES, PEACE WILL BE MORE
DIFFCULT. WE SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION OF

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EXPERTS FOR RWANDA. WE ARE ALSO CONSULTING WITH OTHERS TO DEVISE FURTHER MEANS TO IDENTIFY THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED IN GENOCIDE AND TO ESTABLISH A SYSTEM TO BRING THEM TO JUSTICE, CONSISTENT WITH THE PROTECTION OF DUE PROCESS OF LAW. THIS IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE RECONCILIATION THAT WILL BE A FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENT OF A LASTING PEACE IN RWANDA.

WE MUST ALSO LOOK TO THE FUTURE. THE PEOPLE OF RWANDA WILL NEED TO BE REINTEGRATED INTO A PRODUCTIVE SOCIETY. THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WILL HAVE TO ASSIST RWANDA AS IT EMERGES FROM THE CURRENT HUMANITARIAN CRISIS AND STRUGGLES TO REBUILD ITS SOCIETY. WE MUST BEGIN NOW TO

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LOOK AT THE REQUIREMENTS FOR RECONSTRUCTING RWANDA, AND WE CALL UPON THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS TO COORDINATE THE WORK OF THE UN AGENCIES SO THAT THESE NEEDS ARE ADDRESSED. LET ME ALSO STRESS HERE THE IMPORTANCE OF LOCAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS -- THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF A CIVIL SOCIETY -- IN REBUILDING THE COUNTRY.

IN RWANDA THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IS BEING CHALLENGED TO EXPLORE CREATIVE WAYS FOR DEALING WITH THE UNDERLYING CAUSES OF SOCIAL AND POLITICAL UPHEAVAL. THE DEEP AND COMPLEX ROOTS OF THE CONFLICT POSE A CHALLENGE TO THE NECESSARY POLITICAL RECONCILIATION. INVESTMENTS IN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT ARE UNSUCCESSFUL IN COUNTRIES LACKING POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS WHICH REFLECT THE VALUES OF CIVIL SOCIETY. THEREFORE, THE

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PARTNERSHIP WITH AFRICANS AND AFRICAN INSTITUTIONS TO DEVELOP MECHANISMS FOR CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND VIABLE POLITICAL SYSTEMS.

LET ME ALSO ADD THAT WHILE IT IS CRITICAL TO DEAL WITH THE HUMAN TRAGEDY IN RWANDA, THIS SHOULD NOT DETRACT FROM OUR COLLECTIVE EFFORTS TO DEAL WITH THE GENERAL

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CRISIS THREATENING THE GREATER HORN. AS PRESIDENT CLINTON'S INTERNATIONAL DISASTER RELIEF COORDINATOR, USAID ADMINISTRATOR BRIAN ATWOOD, STATED EARLIER THIS WEEK, THE U.S. GREATER HORN INITIATIVE IS A MISSION "IN CRISIS PREVENTION, NOT CRISIS RESPONSE". IT IS THE LATTER WITH WHICH WE ARE CONFRONTED IN RWANDA. IN THE LONG RUN, TO PREVENT FUTURE EMERGENCIES, A REGIONAL STRATEGY THAT SIMULTANEOUSLY ADDRESSES RELIEF, RECOVERY AND DEVELOPMENT NEEDS IS ESSENTIAL. THE GREATER HORN INITIATIVE, PROPERLY COORDINATED WITH THE COUNTRIES OF THE HORN, AND IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, IS A BEGINNING.

THE CHALLENGE IS TO RECOGNIZE EARLY WARNINGS OF IMPENDING CRISES AND RESPOND THROUGH GREATER AND MORE IMMEDIATE INVESTMENTS IN THE PROMOTION OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF DEMOCRACY, AND THE MECHANISMS OF CONFLICT RESOLUTION.

IN A VERY REAL SENSE, EVERY NATION NOW SHARES A BORDER WITH RWANDA. WE CANNOT INSULATE OURSELVES FROM IT -- WE MUST RESPOND.

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